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Bust Nets 3,500 grams of Methamphetamine

In a joint investigation partnering the Thurston County Narcotics Task Force, the Clark-Skamania Narcotics Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Washington State Patrol Drug Control Assistance Unit and area law enforcement, investigators seized in excess of 3500 grams of high grade "crystal" methamphetamine. Arrested in the case were three Mexican Nationals who delivered the above drugs to undercover officers. Those arrested were members of a foreign based drug trafficking organization whose distribution cells are based in the central Oregon area along the I-5 corridor. The investigation is ongoing with additional arrests anticipated.

This case is an excellent example of inter-agency cooperation between regionalized drug task forces, local law enforcement, the Washington State Patrol and Federal authorities. It also reinforces an ongoing trend over the past several years of significant quantities of high grade methamphetamine and cocaine being shipped from the Southwest border area to distribution cells operating in Oregon.

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